

**Week 4**

Text: 1 Timothy 4:4-8, John 17:17, 1 John 1:9, Hebrews 4:12

Topic: Trained

Big Idea of the Message: We commit to train and equip people too confidently face the challenges of this world head on. Powered by the Holy Spirit, armed with the Word of God, we seek to become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ, disciples who go and make disciples. Through biblical preaching, community group studies, and service to others, we provide opportunities to grow in faith and understanding. Luke 6:40 “The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher.”

Application Point: At HCC our desire is to help train you to handle God’s word correctly. Our goal in training is to help you be able to discern the truth of God from the lies of the enemy. And ultimately we are training you to trust God above all things, which is the battle we fight everyday. Being trained allows us to understand the mission God has called us to and equips us to carry out that mission as we seek to grow into the likeness of Christ

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from this week’s message?
2. Why is it so important for us to be trained in our faith? What does being trained imply?

3. Read 1 Timothy 4:4-8: Describe what gives us a different perspective than the world as we engage in life. Why is it important that we combine the word of God and prayer together in our training?
4. Think of some myths, better known as “old wives tales” that draw you away from the glory and power of God. What is it about myths that draw us to them?
5. What are vital training tools for training in godliness? What are the sources you go to to find good doctrine? Here are some examples that are trusted resources: The Gospel Coalition, Bible Doctrine by Wayne Grudem, Systematic Theology by Wayne Grudem, ...
6. What needs to change on your calendar to make training in you faith and God a priority? Is God getting the first crack at the calendar or is everything else? Why?
7. Take some time now to go before God and spend sometime in prayer and confession. What are the character flaws that you need to change in order to repair and restore your relationship with God? How are you going to draw from the Holy Spirit to change these behaviors and turn them into trophies of grace?
8. Get out your calendar and commit now to times of training each day so that you can grow into the fully devoted follower that God commands us to be.
9. How can we pray for you?